

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

monitoring a first device by a second device;

determining, by the second device, whether a current device driver in the first device is a desired device driver;

first transferring the desired device driver from the second device to the first device when it is determined that the current device driver in the first device is different from the desired device driver, wherein the current device driver and the desired device driver are configured to control operations of the first device;

accessing the first device by a third device using the current device driver to obtain information of the desired device driver, and determining, based on the obtained information, whether the current device driver is different from the desired device driver;

determining whether a user of a the third device desires the desired device driver to be transferred to the third device when ~~the user of the third device accesses the first device it is determined that the current device driver is different from the desired device driver~~; and

second transferring the desired device driver from the first device to the third device when it is determined that the user of the third device desires the desired device driver to be transferred to the third device, wherein the desired device driver is configured to control operations of the first device by the user of the third device.

2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of first transferring further comprises:

first transferring the desired device driver from the second device to the first device using at least one of a direct connection message, a network mail message and an electronic mail message when it is determined that the current device driver in the first device is

different from the desired device driver, wherein the current device driver and the desired device driver are configured to control operations of the first device.

3. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the first device is connected to a first network and the second device is connected to a second network.

4. (Original) The method according to Claim 3, wherein the first and second networks are connected by a third network.

5. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of first transferring further comprises:

first transferring the desired device driver and desired device driver information from the second device to the first device when it is determined that the current device driver in the first device is different from the desired device driver, wherein the current device driver and the desired device driver are configured to control operations of the first device.

6. (Original) The method according to Claim 5, wherein the desired device driver information includes at least one of

information indicating a version of the desired device driver,
an effective date of the desired device driver, and
an indication of an operating system for the desired device driver.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

accessing a second device by a first device using a current device driver to obtain information of a desired device driver, and determining, based on the obtained information, whether the current device driver is different from the desired device driver;

determining whether a user of a the first device desires a desired device driver of a the second device to be transferred to the first device when the user of the first device accesses the second device it is determined that the current device driver is different from the desired device driver; and

transferring the desired device driver from the second device to the first device when it is determined that the user of the first device desires the desired device driver of the second device to be transferred to the first device, wherein the desired device driver is configured to control operations of the second device by the first device[[:]],

wherein the second device is monitored by a third device to determine whether a current device driver in the second device is the desired device driver, and to transfer the desired device driver from the third device to the second device when it is determined that the current device driver in the second device is different from the desired device driver, wherein the current device driver and the desired device driver are configured to control operations of the second device.

10. (Original) The method according to Claim 9, wherein the step of transferring further comprises:

transferring the desired device driver from the second device to the first device when it is determined that the user of the first device desires the desired device driver of the second device to be transferred to the first device using at least one of a direct connection message, a

network mail message and an electronic mail message, wherein the desired device driver is configured to control operations of the second device, and wherein the second device comprises a business office appliance.

11. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a first device;

a second device configured to monitor the first device, to determine whether a current device driver in the first device is a desired device driver; and to transfer the desired device driver from the second device to the first device when it is determined that the current device driver in the first device is different from the desired device driver, wherein the current device driver and the desired device driver are configured to control operations of the first device; and

a third device configured to access the first device using the current device driver to obtain information of the desired device driver, to determine, based on the obtained information, whether the current device driver is different from the desired device driver and to determine whether a user of the third device desires the desired device driver to be transferred to the third device when the user of the third device accesses the first device it is determined that the current device driver is different from the desired device driver,

wherein the first device is further configured to transfer the desired device driver from the first device to the third device when the third device determines that the user of the third device desires the desired device driver to be transferred to the third device, wherein the desired device driver is configured to control operations of the first device by the user of the third device.

12. (Original) The system according to Claim 11, wherein second device is further configured to transfer the desired device driver from the second device to the first device using at least one of a direct connection message, a network mail message and an electronic mail message.

13. (Original) The system according to Claim 11, wherein the first device is connected to a first network and the second device is connected to a second network.

14. (Original) The system according to Claim 13, wherein the first and second networks are connected by a third network.

15. (Original) The system according to Claim 11, wherein the second device is further configured to transfer desired device driver information from the second device to the first device.

16. (Original) The system according to Claim 15, wherein the desired device driver information includes at least one of
information indicating a version of the desired device driver,
an effective date of the desired device driver, and
an indication of an operating system for the desired device driver.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a first device; and

a second device, wherein the first device is configured to access the second device using a current device driver to obtain information of a desired device driver, to determine, based on the obtained information, whether the current device driver is different from the desired device driver, and to determine whether a user of the first device desires a desired device driver of a second device to be transferred to the first device when the user of the first device accesses the second device; it is determined that the current device driver is different from the desired device driver, and the second device is configured to transfer the desired device driver from the second device to the first device when the first device determines that the user of the first device desires the desired device driver of the second device to be transferred to the first device, wherein the desired device driver is configured to control operations of the second device by the first device;

wherein the second device is monitored by a third device to determine whether a current device driver in the second device is the desired device driver, and to transfer the desired device driver from the third device to the second device when it is determined that the current device driver in the second device is different from the desired device driver, wherein the current device driver and the desired device driver are configured to control operations of the second device.

20. (Original) The system according to Claim 19, wherein the second device is configured to transfer the desired device driver from the second device to the first device using at least one of a direct connection message, a network mail message and an electronic mail message, and wherein the second device comprises a business office appliance.

21. (Currently Amended) A program product including a computer readable medium embodying program instructions for causing a system to perform the steps of:

monitoring a first device by a second device;

determining, by the second device, whether a current device driver in the first device is a desired device driver;

first transferring the desired device driver from the second device to the first device when it is determined that the current device driver in the first device is different from the desired device driver, wherein the current device driver and the desired device driver are configured to control operations of the first device;

accessing the first device by a third device using the current device driver to obtain information of the desired device driver, and determining, based on the obtained information, whether the current device driver is different from the desired device driver;

determining whether a user of a third device desires the desired device driver to be transferred to the third device when ~~the user of the third device accesses the first device it is determined that the current device driver is different from the desired device driver~~; and

second transferring the desired device driver from the first device to the third device when it is determined that the user of the third device desires the desired device driver to be transferred to the third device, wherein the desired device driver is configured to control operations of the first device by the user of the third device.

22. (Original) The program product according to Claim 21, wherein the step of first transferring further comprises:

first transferring the desired device driver from the second device to the first device using at least one of a direct connection message, a network mail message and an electronic mail message when it is determined that the current device driver in the first device is

different from the desired device driver, wherein the current device driver and the desired device driver are configured to control operations of the first device.

23. (Original) The program product according to Claim 21, wherein the first device is connected to a first network and the second device is connected to a second network.

24. (Original) The program product according to Claim 23, wherein the first and second networks are connected by a third network.

25. (Original) The program product according to Claim 21, wherein the step of first transferring further comprises:

first transferring the desired device driver and desired device driver information from the second device to the first device when it is determined that the current device driver in the first device is different from the desired device driver, wherein the current device driver and the desired device driver are configured to control operations of the first device.

26. (Original) The program product according to Claim 25, wherein the desired device driver information includes at least one of

information indicating a version of the desired device driver,
an effective date of the desired device driver, and
an indication of an operating system for the desired device driver.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A program product including a computer readable medium embodying program instructions for causing a system to perform the steps of:

accessing a second device by a first device having a current device driver to obtain information of a desired device driver, and determining, based on the obtained information, whether the current device driver is different from the desired device driver;

determining whether a user of ~~a~~ the first device desires ~~a~~ the desired device driver of ~~a~~ the second device to be transferred to the first device when ~~the user of the first device accesses the second device~~ it is determined that the current device driver is different from the desired device driver; and

transferring the desired device driver from the second device to the first device when it is determined that the user of the first device desires the desired device driver of the second device to be transferred to the first device, wherein the desired device driver is configured to control operations of the second device, by the first device;

wherein the second device is monitored by a third device to determine whether a current device driver in the second device is the desired device driver, and to transfer the desired device driver from the third device to the second device when it is determined that the current device driver in the second device is different from the desired device driver, wherein the current device driver and the desired device driver are configured to control operations of the second device.

30. (Original) The program product according to Claim 29, wherein the step of transferring further comprises

transferring the desired device driver from the second device to the first device when it is determined that the user of the first device desires the desired device driver of the second

device to be transferred to the first device using at least one of a direct connection message, a network mail message and an electronic mail message, wherein the desired device driver is configured to control operations of the second device, and wherein the second device comprises a business office appliance.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the desired device driver is configured to control operations of the first device by the third device.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 11, wherein the desired device driver is configured to control operations of the first device by the third device.

33. (Previously Presented) The program product of Claim 21, wherein the desired device driver is configured to control operations of the first device by the third device.